such is the case, I do not see why we should not have the credit of having it passed by this Council. I therefore move that the Civil Procedure Code Amendment Bill be finally passed with the addition that it shall come into force on the 1st Chingam 1101 M. E., the operation of the Standing Orders being suspended.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I second the motion.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The question is that the Civil Procedure Code as settled by the Council be finally passed with this addition that it shall come into force on the 1st Chingam 1101 M. E. I take it that the Council accepts it.

The motion was carried.

THE LIMITATION REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, I beg to move that the Limitation Regulation as settled by the Council be finally passed and that it shall come into force on the 1st Chingam 1101 M. E., the operation of the Standing Orders being suspended.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I second it.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I take it that the Council accepts it.

The motion was carried.

THE VILLAGE PANCHAYAT BILL.

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, I beg to move that the Village Panchayat Bill as settled by the Council be finally passed and that it shall come into force on the 1st Chingam 1101 M. E.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I second it.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I take it that the Council accepts it.

The motion was carried.

THE INCOME TAX REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, I beg to move that the Income Tax Regulation Amendment Bill as settled by the Council be finally passed and that it shall come into force on the 1st Chingam 1101 M. E.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I second it.

The following motion, *viz.*, "This Regulation shall come into force on the 1st day of Chingam 1101" be added as Clause 38, was carried.

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, with reference to the observations of Mr. T. K. Velu Pillai, I have to say a word. We have passed all the Bills that I have been in charge of and though in regard to the Civil Procedure Code Amendment Bill there arose a certain amount of adverse criticism from the non-official members, I am

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very glad to acknowledge that in the Select Committee we have been able to get through without any opposition or controversy, and the bill has been finally passed. I wish to express my thanks for the kind sentiments expressed by Mr. Velu Pillai and for the regard he has shown to me.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Gentlemen, the Dewan will come here to formally prorogue the Council. I request you, gentlemen, to sit here for a few minutes longer.

Dewan Bahadur T. Raghaviah, C. S. I., Dewan, then took the Chair.

PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

With the present session, the term of the first Legislative Council, constituted under Regulation II of 1097, comes to a close, and on this occasion our thoughts naturally go back to the great Sovereign to whose parental solicitude for the welfare and contentment of his subjects we owe this reformed institution. Well indeed has the non-official business of this Council closed with the unanimous acceptance of the resolution moved by Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai for enshrining his hallowed memory in a befitting manner.

I feel it a great privilege to have been entrusted with the duty of bringing this reformed Council into being and to have been called upon to preside over its deliberations during its first term. No one is more conscious of my shortcomings than myself, but I have uniformly endeavoured to promote the best interests of the institution committed by His late Highness to my charge. I have had the good fortune to have associated with me, as the Deputy President of the Council, a gentleman well known throughout the country, who, while maintaining a sturdy independence of views, has been ever solicitous to aid me with his ripe experience. (Mr. A. Hoogewerf: *Hear, hear.*)

There can, I think, be no two opinions as to the solid nature of the work that this Council has done during the first term, or the great influence for good that it has exercised on the administration of the State. The first meeting of the Council, as you may remember, was held in Karkatakam 1097. Including the current session of the Council, there have been six sessions in all and twelve meetings covering a period of seventy-nine days. Twenty Government Bills and one private Bill were introduced; eleven of these have become Regulations, and six including the Ezhava Bill introduced in the previous Council have been finally read. Two among the Bills finally read, *viz.*, the Nayar Regulation Amendment Bill and the Ezhava Bill, both of which will now be placed on the Statute Book, are two valuable pieces of social legislation, intended to enhance the contentment and prosperity of two important sections of the people of this country, and this Council may well look back with pride upon its labours in enacting them. The Village

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